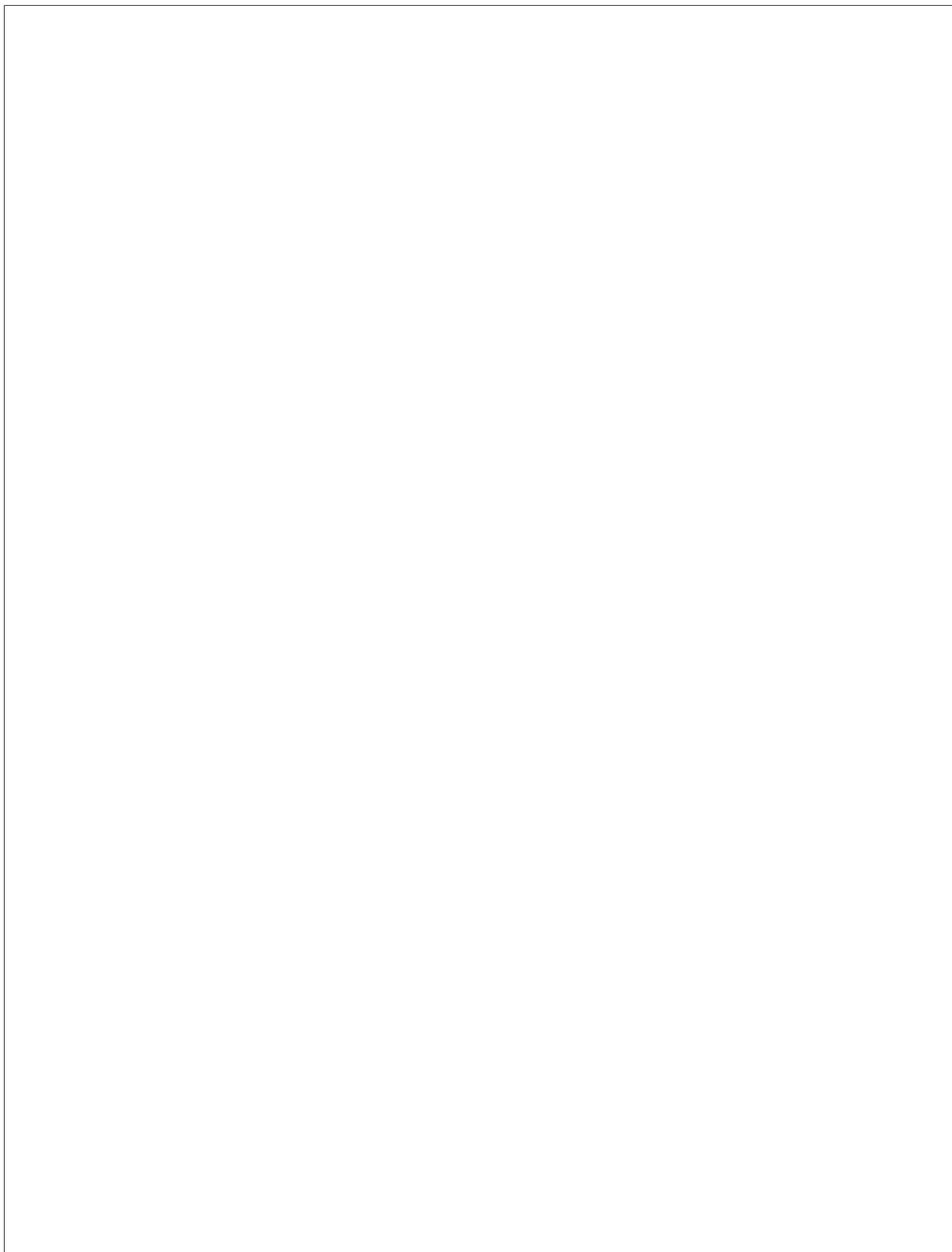


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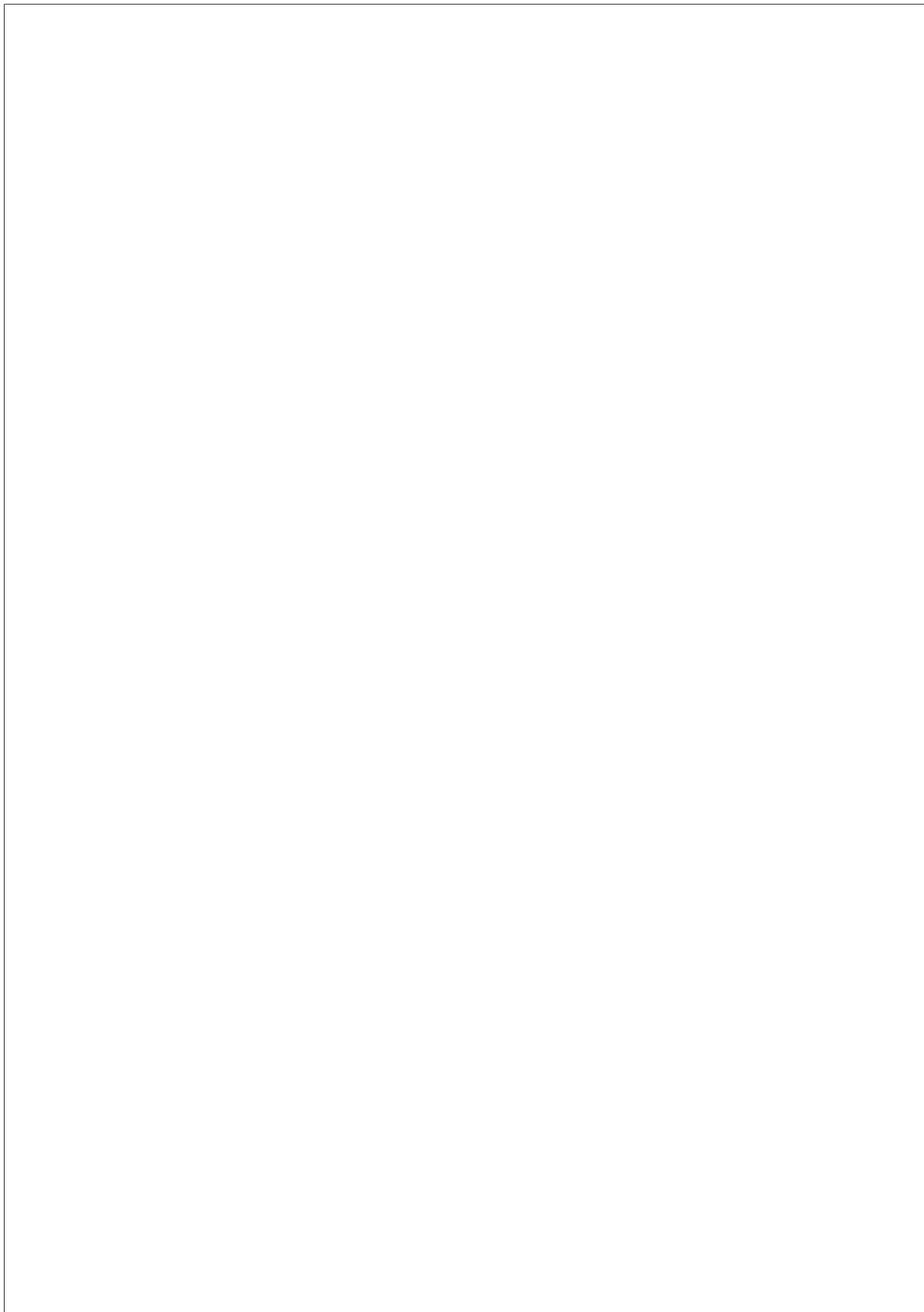
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Comment [ST1]: separate bullet, since it goes beyond Iran/N. Korea



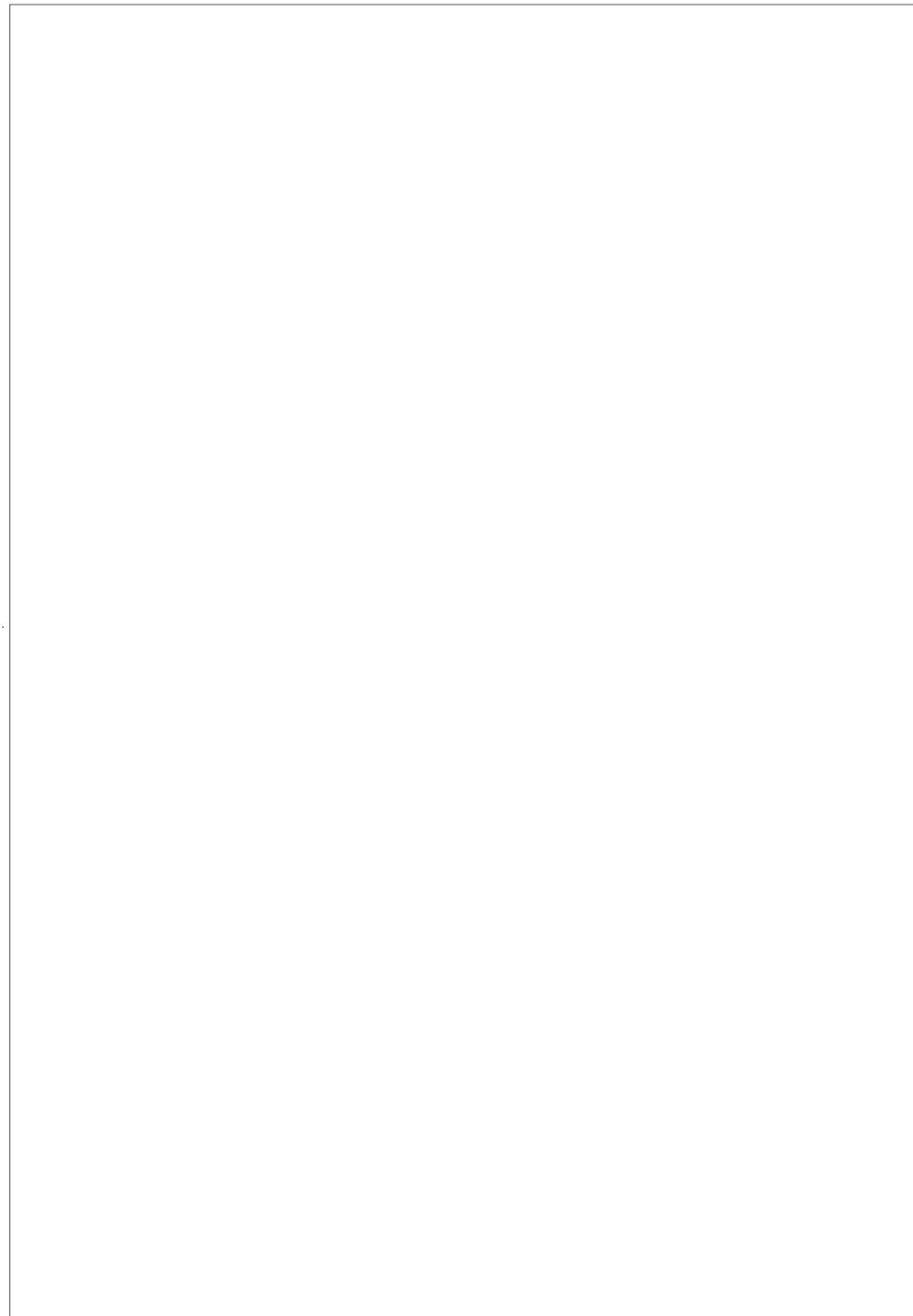
**Comment [ST2]:** I think this trio works better-- and it avoids yet another "challenges."

**Comment [ST3]:** The earlier part of the para refers to Americans as well; this point relates to those abroad.

**Comment [ST4]:** Suggest deleting. "Unique" makes the point. Don't push the exceptionalist/ "indispensable nation" line too hard...

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**Comment [ST5]:** Point here being that those dumb-power things weren't good or effective in the 20th century either.

**Comment [ST6]:** I'd suggest this line because it sets up "smart power" below.

**Comment [ST7]:** They haven't JUST become that....

**Comment [ST8]:** simpler, easier for listener to absorb.

**Comment [ST9]:** Whenever possible, assert/remind what are the common themes, the core, guiding principals

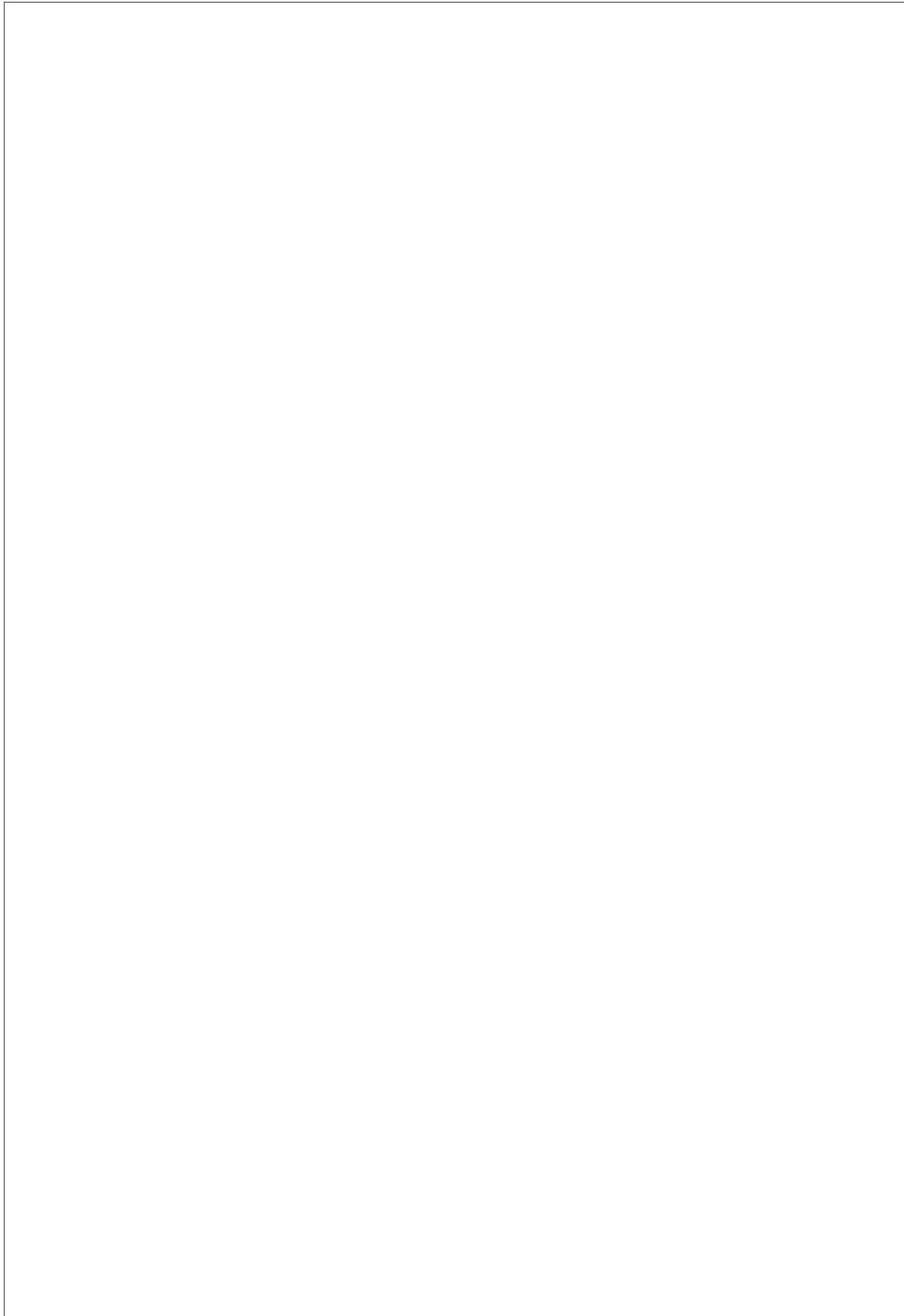
**Comment [ST10]:** Point here is that a number of his predecessors were willing to do all of those thing—and indeed DID all of those things. It's the "new level" point that sets him apart.

**Comment [ST11]:** Again, it's not yet established as "new" framework — it's really an updating of the pre-Bush43 framework.

**Comment [ST12]:** Seems to me you've got to mention this here, otherwise it's conspicuous by its absence

**Comment [ST13]:** COMMENT: I'm not sure these are always opposites; sometimes the arrogance of power has been rooted in naiveté of a particularly pernicious sort.

**Comment [ST14]:** I'm suggesting avoiding echo of "the ends justifies the means."



**Comment [ST15]:** "recovery" is a solution, not a problem or crisis.

**Comment [ST16]:** Again, the word "challenge"—justifiably!—is in danger of overuse.

**Comment [ST17]:** Here I'm suggesting making clearer the point that just because climate change is a "long-term threat" doesn't mean urgent action can be put off.

**Comment [ST18]:** I really don't think this cliché—a throwback to Gerry Ford!—adds anything.

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**Comment [ST19]:** A direct quote from HRC at the Wednesday lunch—and a very good line if put in the right context, which is what's happening here.

**Comment [ST20]:** cut cuz defensive-sounding

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**Comment [ST21]:** Unfortunately, the "actors" don't—yet—demand it. They need to be persuaded.

**Comment [ST22]:** everyone's! not just "ours"

**Comment [ST23]:** point: "support" by itself suggests only the case where such governments exist—adding "encourage" suggests promoting where they don't yet exist, or aren't yet established.

**Comment [ST24]:** not sure they're "at the essence"

**Comment [ST25]:** This is an important change: alas, America has emphatically and all too often NOT been all those good things. We were too often acting on the principle that the enemy of our enemy was our friend, even if that friend was dictatorial—"our son of a bitch." So this needs to be put in terms of a promise and of more principled application of a principle that was honored in the breach in the past.

**Comment [ST26]:** I suspect there will be a question about whether to be this blunt, but I'd argue for it. Bush43 made this concept his own. put his own brand on it.

**Comment [ST27]:** point being, al Qaeda is, in fact, an NGO!

**Comment [ST28]:** The media doesn't wield the pen, the censors do.

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**Comment [ST29]:** This is one of the very few awkward and not very clear phrases in the speech. All those "c" words sound like "peter piper picked a peck..."—and I'm not sure what it means.

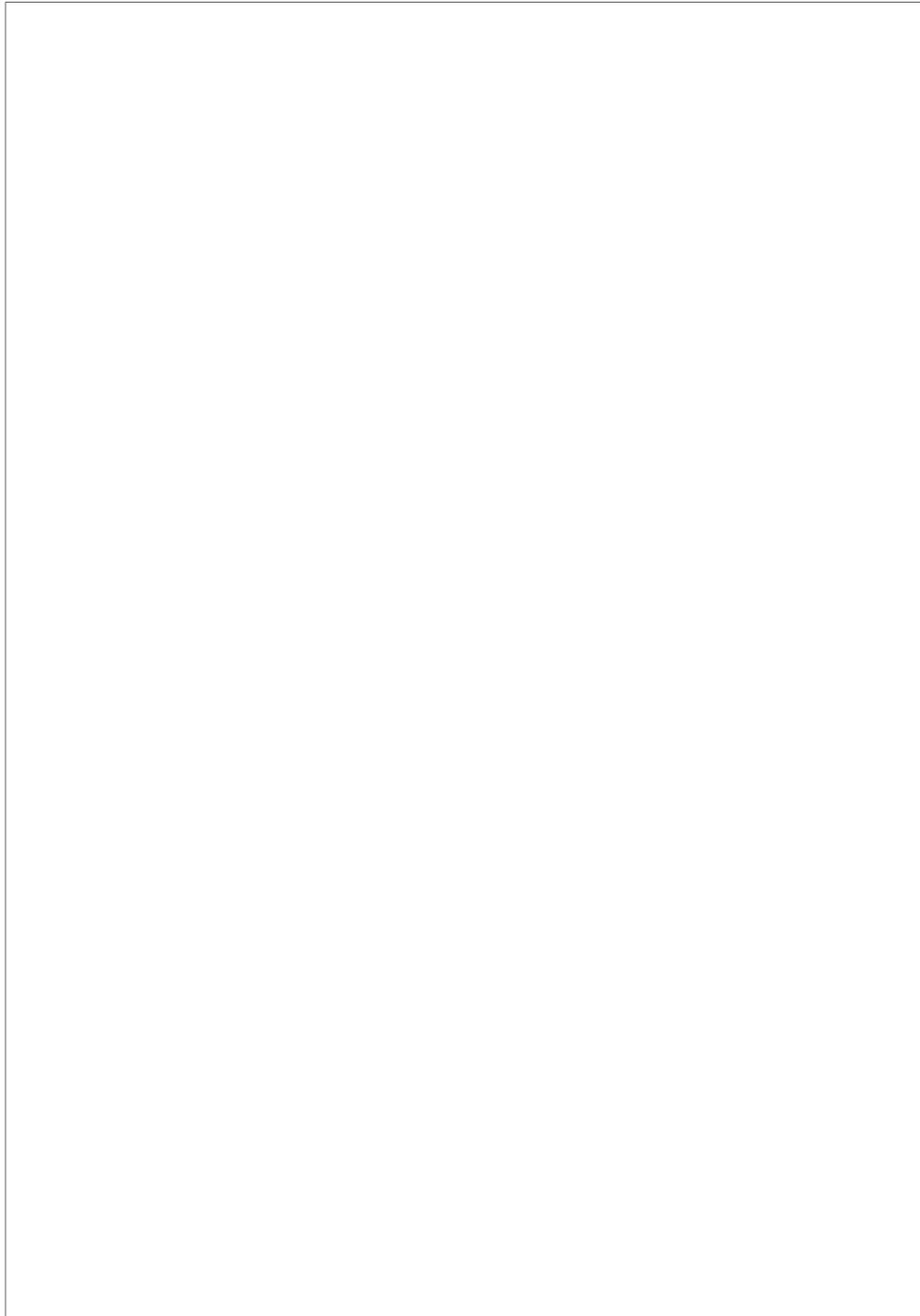
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**Comment [ST30]:** I would plea for avoiding "multi-polar." It's a Euro-cliché now gone universal, but it's not really valid analytically, nor is it smart to use it, precisely because it does echo the rhetoric of those who want to see America be "just another country." Sorry this costs the speech the "multi-polar"/ "multi-partner" line, but I really think it's important to remove multipolar from the vocabulary of the administration. Happy to elaborate.

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**Comment [ST31]:** I find this gratuitous, gilding the lily, etc. Also, the Santayana quote as become one of the hoariest clichés around. Whereas, what follows is a key point—and will get more attention without the what I'm suggesting be cut.

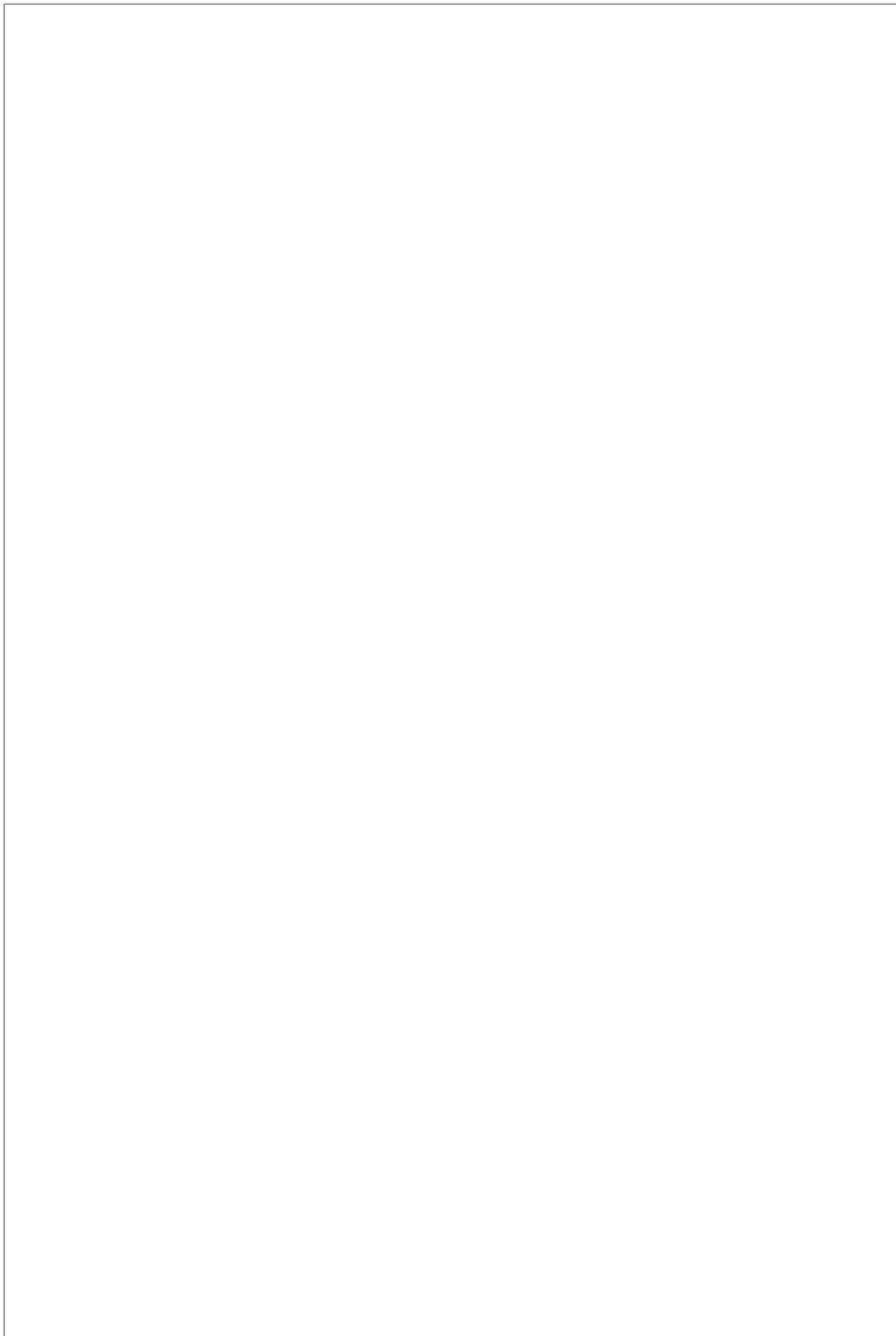
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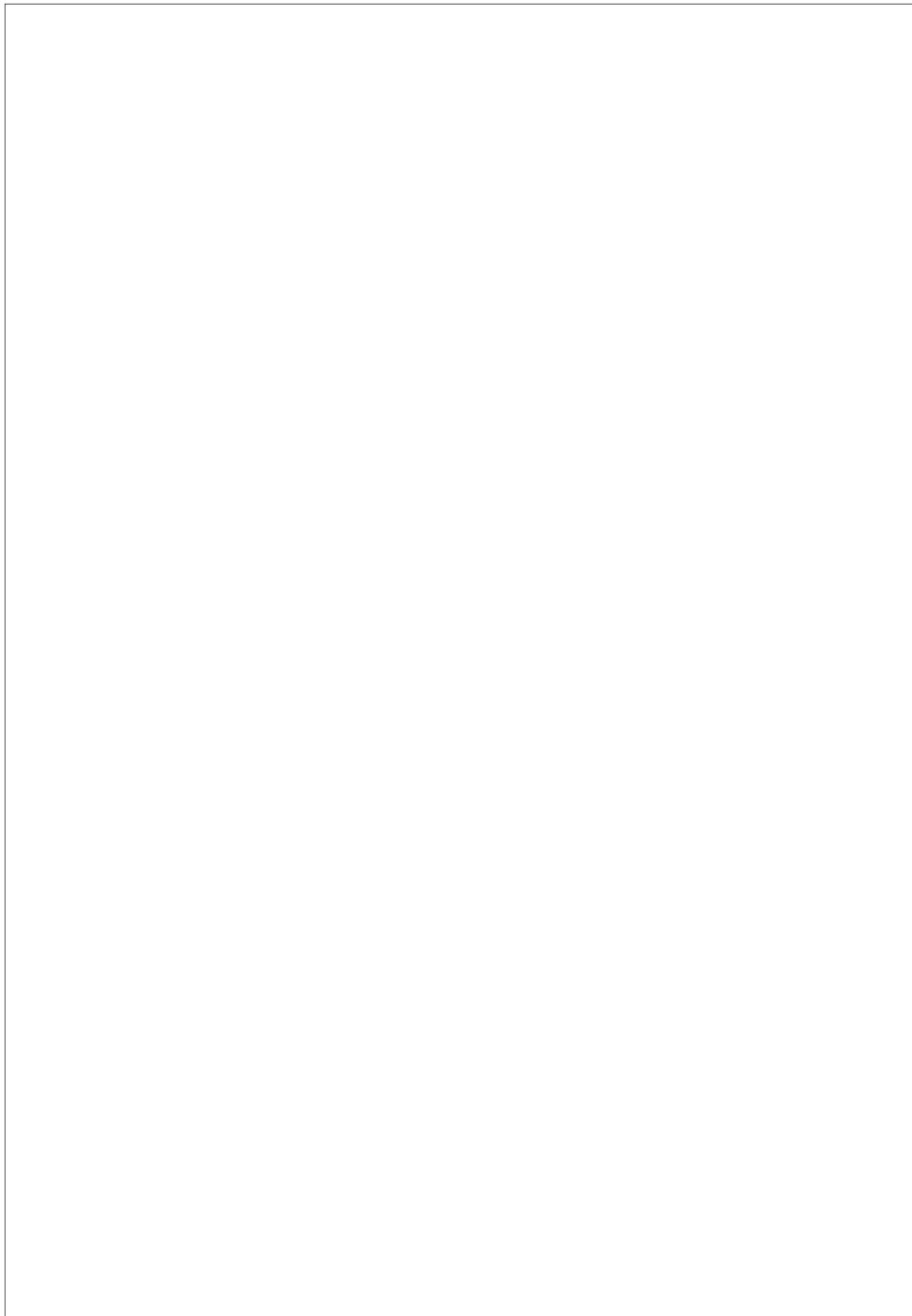
**Comment [ST32]:** I'm not sure what "resources" means, so suggest cutting

**Comment [ST33]:** "harnessing"? That doesn't sound good! Or wouldn't to them.

**Comment [ST34]:** again, I'm looking to trim back the use of "challenge"

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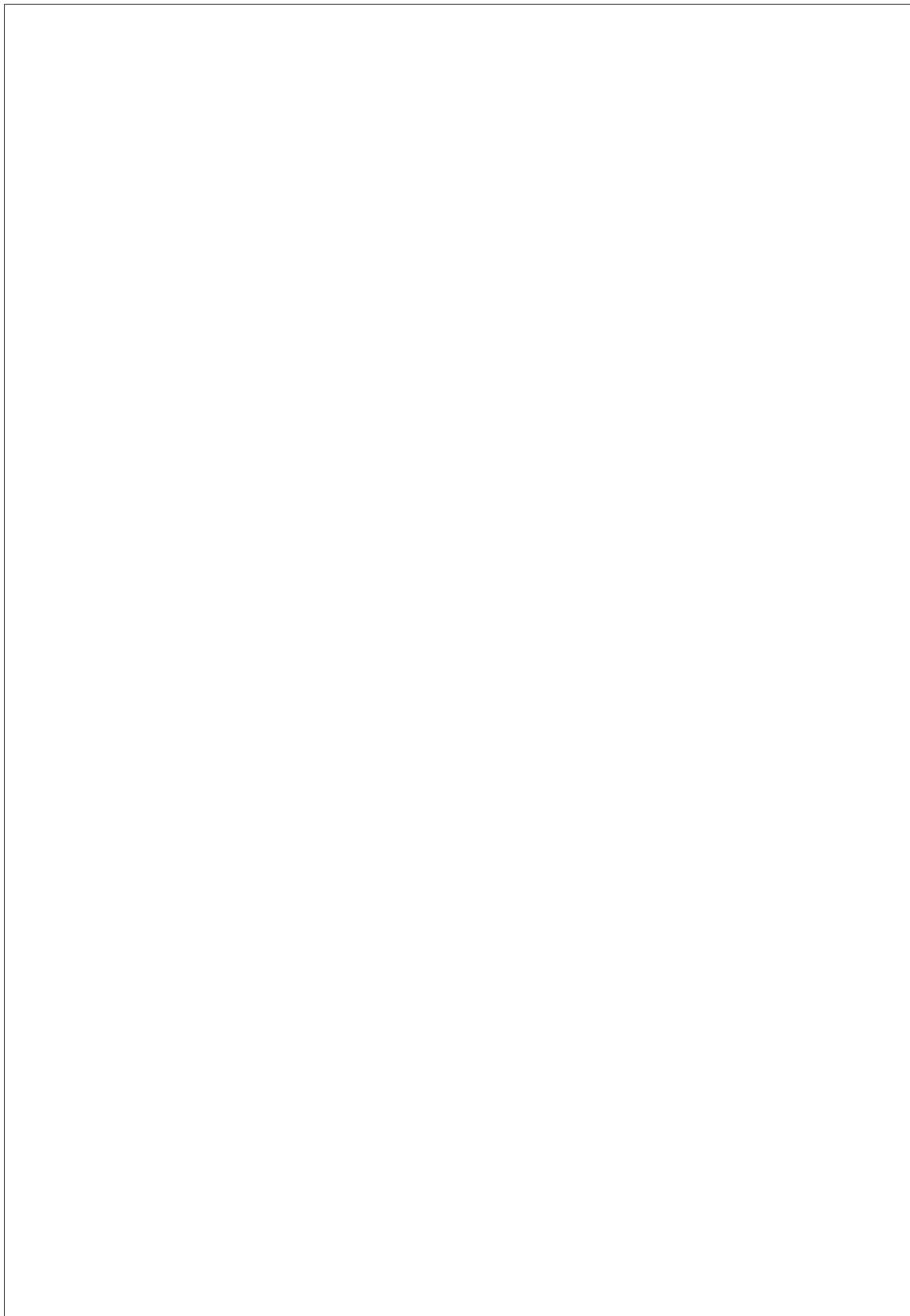
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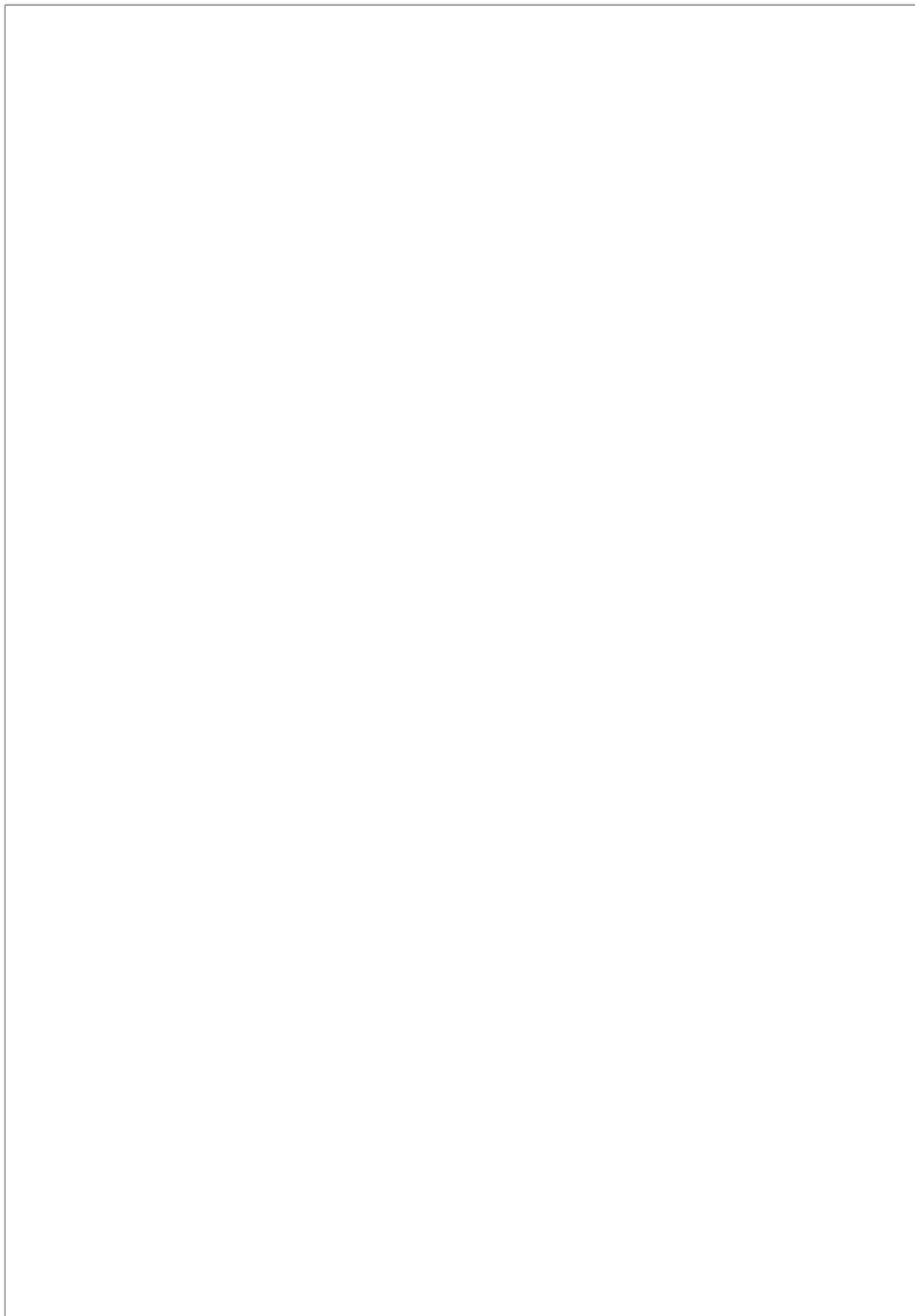
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**Comment [ST35]:** this is mutilat jaron that should be avoided

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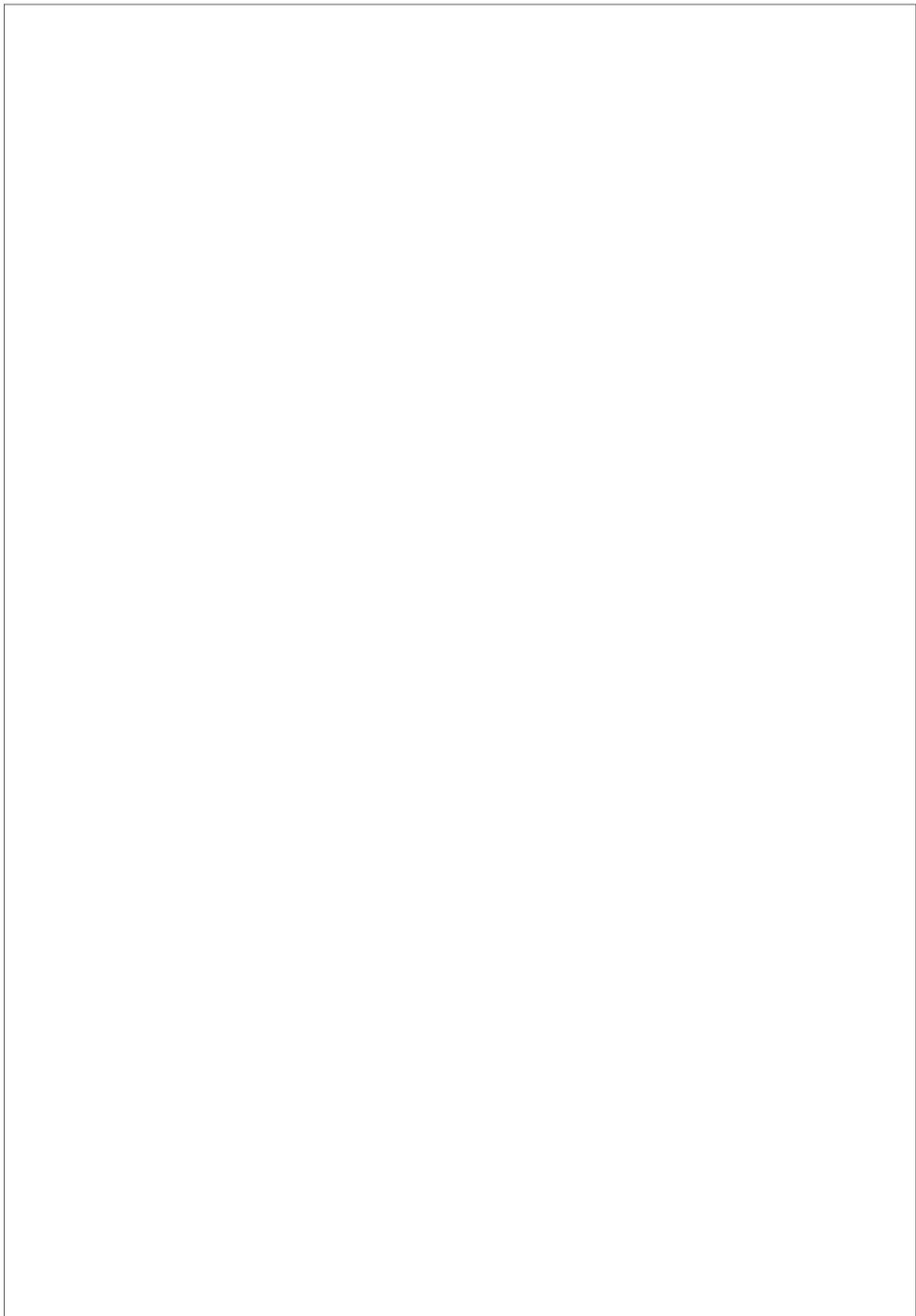


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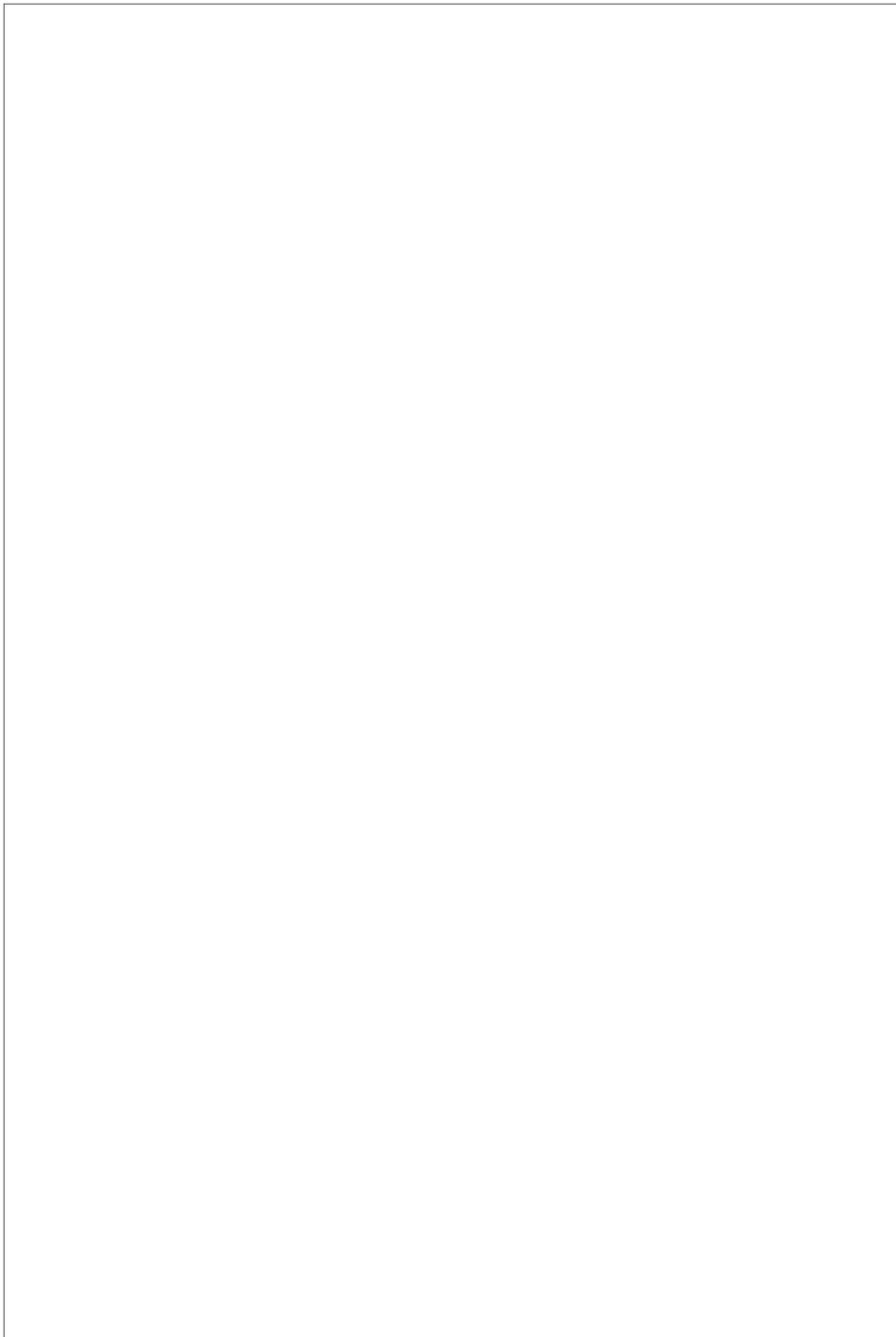
**Comment [ST36]:** I think this passage needs more work.

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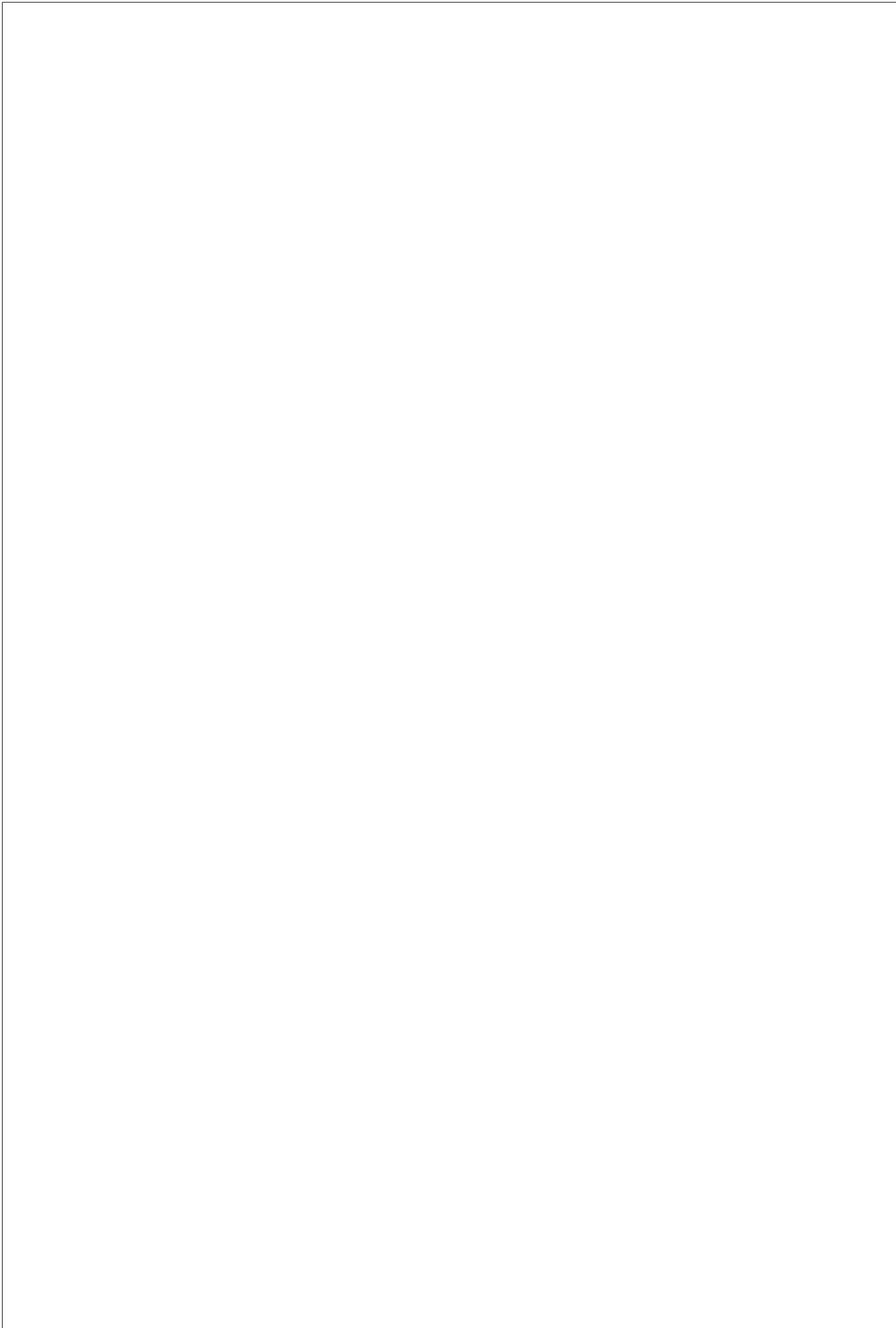
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**Comment [S137]:** I'd like to discuss how this passage—which I totally support—will be read in India.

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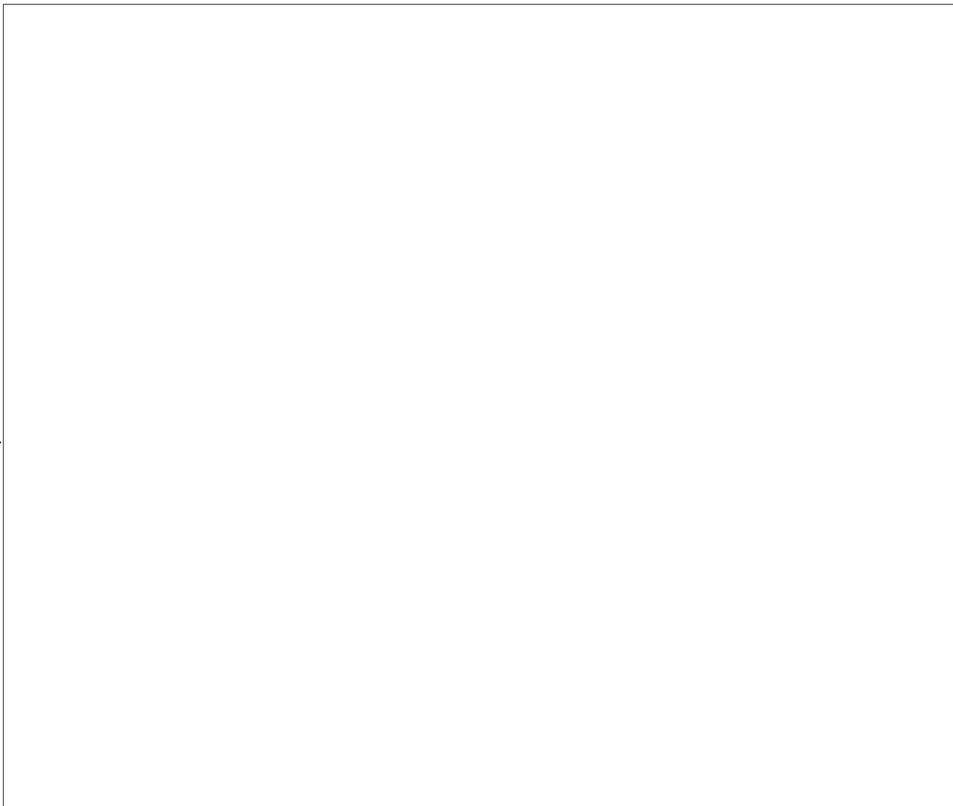


**Comment [ST38]:** Urge you out! I assume it's a dig at Kagan's book and its title. But it misses the irony in the title and Kagan's point. That's another lunch. Just take it out.

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**Comment [ST39]:** "Sovereignty" is a more complicated point.



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